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A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of a high-ranking official, written in dark ink.

Mr. Dulles:

This is to remind that you wish to call
Senator Saltonstall respecting the stand he takes on
the Watch Dog Committee.

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WASHINGTON- JUNE 29--(INS)--A CONFLICT LOOMED TODAY OVER THE HOOVER COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A CONGRESSIONAL WATCHDOG COMMITTEE TO CHECK ON THE NATION'S SUPER-SECRET INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

SEN. MIKE MANSFIELD (D) MONT.- SAID HE WILL NOW PRESS FOR HEARINGS ON A RESOLUTION HE AND 35 OTHER SENATORS INTRODUCED ON JAN. 14 TO SET UP JUST SUCH A JOINT COMMITTEE.

HE SAID HE HAD BEEN HOLDING UP ACTION UNTIL THE HOOVER COMMISSION'S TASK FORCE ON THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY--WHICH WAS HEADED BY GEN. MARK W. CLARK--HAD FILED ITS REPORT WITH PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND CONGRESS.

BUT SEN. LEVERETT SALTONSTALL (R) MASS.- SAID HE SEES NO NEED FOR THE PROPOSED WATCHDOG COMMITTEE. SALTONSTALL IS A MEMBER OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CIA.

HE SAID: "IF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE IS DOING ITS DUTY- THERE IS NO NEED FOR ANOTHER COMMITTEE. IF IT ISN'T DOING ITS DUTY- IT IS UP TO THE SENATE TO COMPLAIN.

"I OPPOSED SENATOR MANSFIELD WHEN THE QUESTION OF A WATCHDOG COMMITTEE CAME UP BEFORE THE RULES COMMITTEE A YEAR AGO AND I FEEL THE SAME WAY NOW."

SALTONSTALL ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE CIA IS AN AGENCY WHOSE WORK MUST BE REVIEWED WITH CAUTION AND SECRECY BECAUSE OF ITS DELICATE NATURE.

SEN. HARRY F. BYRD (D) VA.- ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE ARMED SERVICES' CIA SUBCOMMITTEE- SAID IT SEEMS TO HIM THE GROUP "CAN DO A GOOD JOB-" INDICATING HE DOES NOT BELIEVE A WATCHDOG COMMITTEE IS NECESSARY.

THE HOOVER COMMISSION CHARGED THAT DIPLOMATIC TIMIDITY IS KEEPING U.S. INTELLIGENCE FROM OBTAINING VITAL INFORMATION ABOUT RUSSIA'S MILITARY STRENGTH AND PLANS. IT URGED A "BOLD" POLICY IN GATHERING INFORMATION EVEN AT THE RISK OF DIPLOMATIC EMBARRASSMENT.

SEN. KARL MUNDT (R) S.D.- WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR YEARS IN CONGRESSIONAL PROBES OF COMMUNISM- DECLARED THAT THE "CIA HAS BEEN CLOAKED IN TOO MUCH SECRECY."

MUNDT- A CO-SPONSOR OF THE MANSFIELD RESOLUTION- SAID THAT THE CHARGES OF LAXITY IN GATHERING DATA ABOUT RUSSIA IS ALL THE MORE REASON WHY THERE SHOULD BE A CONGRESSIONAL WATCHDOG COMMITTEE PATTERNED AFTER THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY.

SEN. JAMES DUFF (R) PA.- AN ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEEMAN- CALLED THE HOOVER COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION "CONSTRUCTIVE." HE SAID SCRUTINY OF INTELLIGENCE SALICYN

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INTELLIGENCE WORK IS NEEDED TO KEEP ACTIVITIES ON THE MAIN TRACK.

THE COMMISSION ALSO URGED A CITIZENS COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO CHECK ON COUNTER-ESPIONAGE WORK.

MANSFIELD OPPOSED THIS AS A DUPLICATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE HE SEEKS.

BUT MUNDT HAILED THE PROPOSAL. HE SAID A CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF PERSONS WITH OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE COULD BE COUNTED ON TO "HATCH IDEAS." HE SAID IT WOULD KNOW HOW TO UTILIZE COMMERCIAL CONTACTS ABROAD. 22QAPH
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